In the Specification:

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 2, lines 14 to 23,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

As described above, when the push bar 10 is constituted by the plural members and those members are connected at joint portions so as to be allowed to be bent, the baby carriage can be folded while its dimension in the width direction is reduced. However, because of the joint portion connecting the adjacent members so as to be allowed to be bent, even in the opened state of the baby carriage, the joint portion of the inverted U-shaped push bar 10 becomes ~~groggy.~~ wiggly or flexible. Because the joint portion becomes ~~groggy,~~ wiggly or flexible, the push bar 10 is easily twisted or distorted. Since the twist or distortion beginning at the push bar 10 is transmitted to the lower frame structure, the rigidity of the whole baby carriage in the opened state is lowered.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 2, line 32 to page 3, line 5,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

A folding baby carriage according to the present invention is folded so that four wheels may approach each other back and forth and from side to side and comprises a lower frame structure positioned over the four wheels to form a seating surface portion of a seat, and an inverted U-shaped member extending to rise upward from both sides of the seating surface portion. The lower frame structure is

folded so as to approach back and forth and from side to side with the four wheels. In the meantime, the inverted U-shaped member ~~keeps the same configuration~~ remains on a single plane in both opened state and folded state without actually being **[[**~~bent.~~**]]** bent out of this plane.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 7, lines 22 to 28,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The folding baby carriage according to this aspect comprises a push bar for moving the baby carriage and an inverted U-shaped member extending to rise upward from both sides of said seating surface portion and ~~keeping the same configuration~~ remaining on the same plane in both opened and folded states without actually being **[[**~~bent,~~**]]** bent out of this plane, separately from said push bar. Since such an inverted U-shaped member is provided, the rigidity of the baby carriage in the opened state is enhanced.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 9, lines 27 to 31,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

In order to implement a folding movement of the baby carriage 20, an upper end of the front **[[**~~wheel~~**]]** leg 23 and an upper end of the rear leg 24 are turnably connected to the handrail member 29, respectively. When the baby carriage 20 is folded, the front and rear wheels 21 and 22 approach each other.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 12, lines 19 to 26,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The inverted U-shaped push bar 40 comprising the pair of side vertical bars 41 and the middle bar 43 is not actually substantially bent and keeps substantially the same configuration lying on the same plane in both opened and folded states of the baby carriage with the lower ends of the lower regions 41a of the side vertical bars 41 merely approaching each other in the transition to the folded state as described in detail below. The reason why the distance between the upper regions 41b of the pair of side vertical bars 41 ~~is reduced~~ becomes smaller toward the upper side is that a folded dimension of the baby carriage is to be reduced. The width dimension formed by the horizontal regions 41c of the pair of side vertical bars 41 and the middle bar 43 is hardly changed in both opened and folded states of the baby carriage.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 14, lines 10 to 15,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Although the lower frame structure of the baby carriage is folded so that the four wheels 21 and 22 may approach each other back and forth and from side to side, the inverted U-shaped push bar 40 is not substantially bent and keeps almost the same configuration lying in the same plane in both opened and folded states. Therefore, rigidity of the push bar 40 is increased and accordingly,

rigidity of the baby carriage in the opened state is increased.

Please **replace** the paragraph at **page 17, lines 6 to 18,** with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

(5) From a viewpoint of enhancing the rigidity of the baby carriage in the opened state, the present invention can be applied to a baby carriage which is folded without being reduced in dimension in the width direction. As one example of such folding baby carriage, it is folded so that four wheels approach each other back and forth only. In a widely spread folding baby carriage, a lower frame structure positioned over four wheels to form a seating surface portion of a seat is folded. This folding baby carriage comprises a push bar for moving the baby carriage and an inverted U-shaped member extending to rise upward from both sides of the seating surface portion and keeping substantially the same configuration in both opened and folded states without actually being bent out of a plane thereof, separately from the push bar. Since such inverted U-shaped member is provided, the rigidity of the baby carriage in the opened state is enhanced.

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